

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2140
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TALKS WITH ULFA CHIEF
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has received any proposal from Jnanpith award winner, Ms Gosvyeny for talks with ULFA Chief;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIS. REGUPATHY)

- (a): Government has received an appeal from Prof. Indira Goswami for `Peace Talks` with United Liberation Front of Asom (ULFA).
- (b): The appeal indicated the willingness of ULFA to hold talks with the Government of India without pre-conditions, and also specifically referred to their `core demand` of sovereignty.
- (c): In reply to the appeal it was reiterated that the Government of India had consistently expressed its willingness to talk to all groups which were prepared to abjure the path of violence.